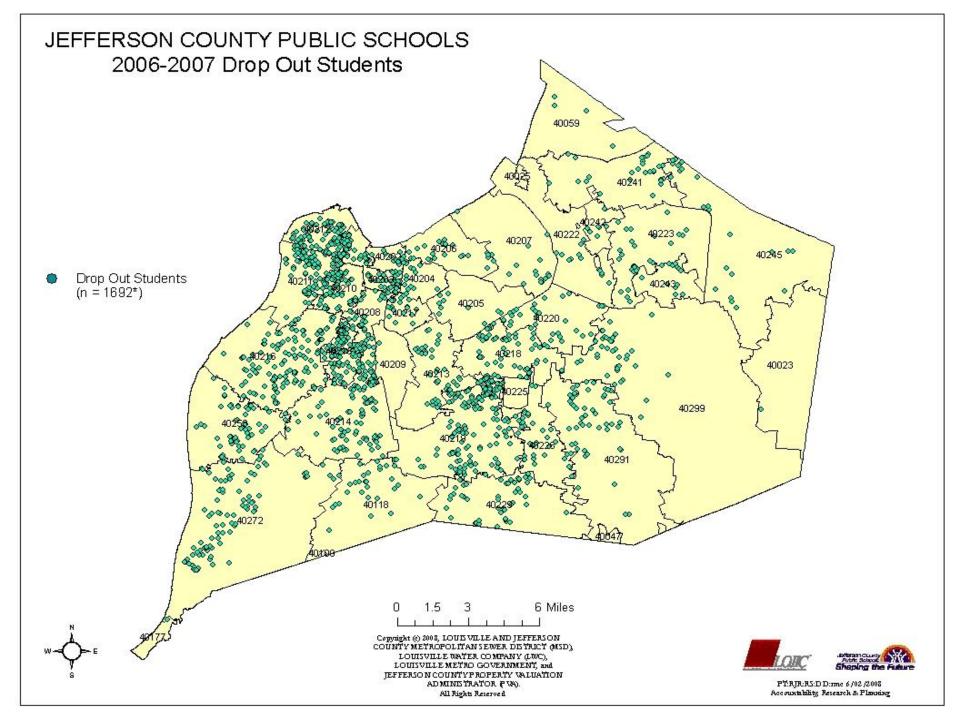


# 2008 Graduate! Greater Louisville High School Graduation Summit

Three years later ...

Mary Gwen Wheeler, Interim Director 55,000 Degrees





## Youth Voice Survey

## "In Their Own Words"



### Reasons they dropped out of school

- 62% got in trouble in school 60% were bored in school
- 46% couldn't keep up with the work
- Nearly 71% had personal or family problems
- 43% said they did so in part because "no one encouraged me to stay."

#### What young people said

- "If you aren't getting it, you need someone who will help you out. Schools just pass you to get you out of there."
- "One high school had a better environment because the teachers cared and told you it mattered whether you cared."
- "They help you if they like you, otherwise they ignore you."

# July 30, 2008

# Day of the Summit



#### Who was there

 Nearly 500 people including youth and representatives from education, government, non-profits, business, faith-based

#### Presenting partners

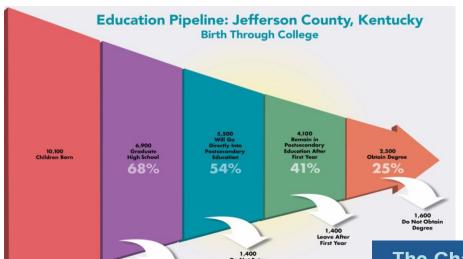
- Louisville Metro Government
- Jefferson County Public Schools
- Bellarmine University

- America's Promise
- AT&T
- CE&S Foundation

#### Mayor and Superintendent set two Bold Goals

- 1. Reduce the dropout rate in JCPS by 50% in 10 years
- 2. Louisville will move into top tier among 15 competitive cities in high school graduation in 10 years

# Getting a handle on the numbers ...



#### Carolyn Gatz



#### The Challenge for Kentucky & the Nation

#### Governor Bob Wise























Three out of every ten students do not graduate from high school.

About a third who graduate are not college- and work-ready.

# Press Voting System exercise



# Perception versus reality ...

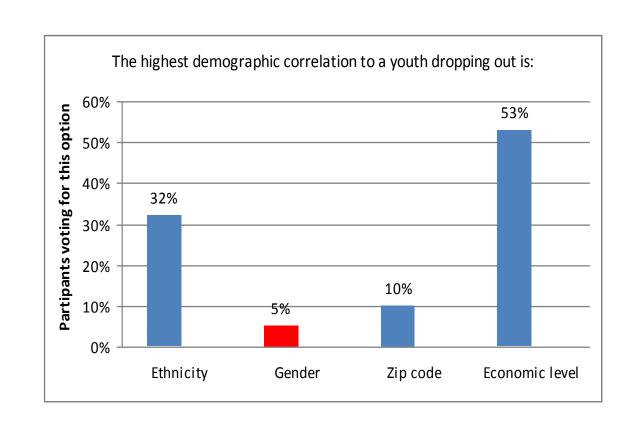
#### Dr. Terry Brooks



#### **Demographic correlates:**

Summit participants were asked to choose "the highest demographic correlate to a youth dropping out."

Though most (53 percent) chose "economic level," gender most closely correlated with dropping out.



# Summit working sessions



#### **Breakouts**

- 1. Student Supports
- High School Innovation& Multiple Pathways
- 3. Life Readiness & Education Beyond High School
- 4. Legislation and Policy



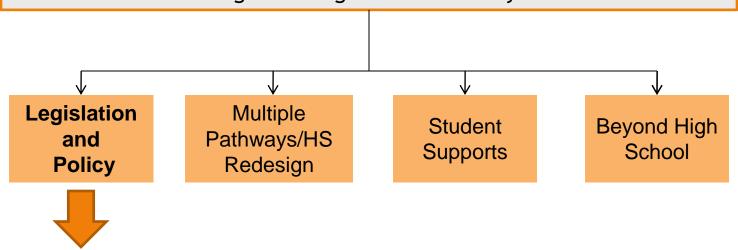
This work led to a four-point plan ...

Increase college attainment.

Increase high school graduation rates.

#### **Bold Goals**

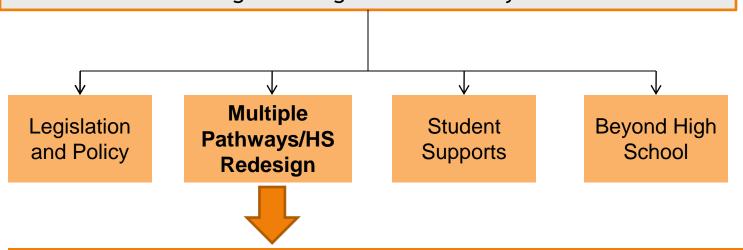
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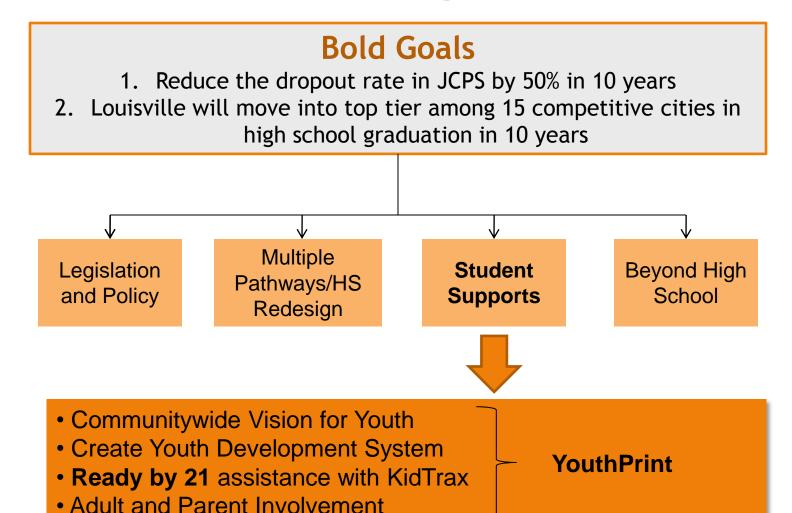
- Jefferson delegation supported raising compulsory age
- Senate Bill 1
- CPE data availability and timeliness (part of 55K dashboard)

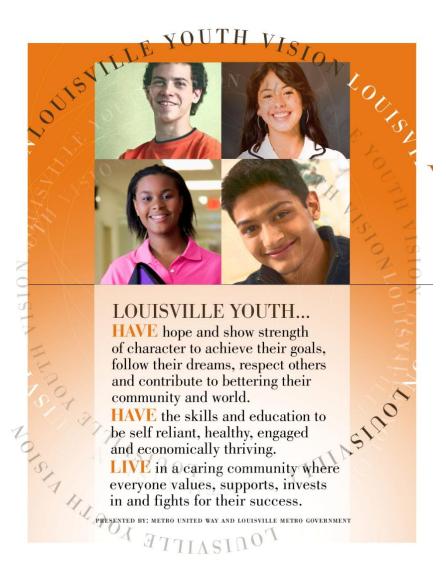
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- America's Promise Dropout Coordinator at JCPS
- SMART ED early identification system
- Freshman Academies, Schools of Study & trimester schedule
- Redesign of Comprehensive High Schools around career themes
- Adult advocates: faculty advisors, LEEP, college coaches





## Youth Vision

- began October 2008
- completed March 2010

## **YouthPrint**

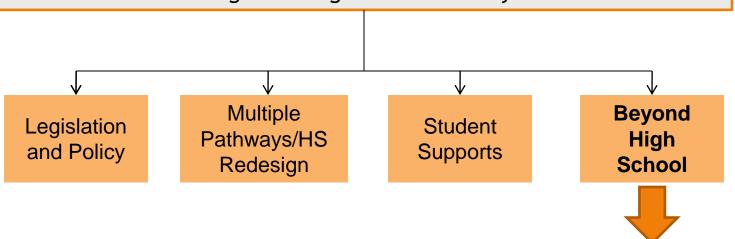
- began August 2009
- completed December 2011

and in 2010 ...



#### **Bold Goals**

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- JCTC/JCPS early HS, dual enrollment & course alignment
- WIRED 65: KnowHow2Go, regional forums, Close the Deal
- MUW/CFL College-going culture grants to 20+ NPOs
- Market research around perceived value of college
- Transfers: ULtra program (JCTC/UofL), Completer program (UofL)

## At the same time ...

# Mayor's Education Roundtable

#### Members:

- University & community/technical college presidents
- Public and parochial school superintendents
- United Way, Chamber and Urban League presidents
- Leadership from
  - Greater Louisville Project
  - Workforce Investment Board
  - Business Leaders for Education (top employers)
  - YouthPrint (out-of-school time alliance)

<u>Goal</u>: Move the Louisville region into the top tier among its peer cities by raising education attainment

Vehicle: a new organization called 55,000 Degrees



- We currently have 116,000 Baccalaureate Degree holders - or 30% - age 25-64
  - We need 40,000 more to reach 40% by 2020
- We have 38,500 Associate Degree holders or 7% age 25-64
  - We need 15,000 more to reach 10% by 2020

For a total of 55,000 more degrees

## What's next?

Hopefully a new partnership with the

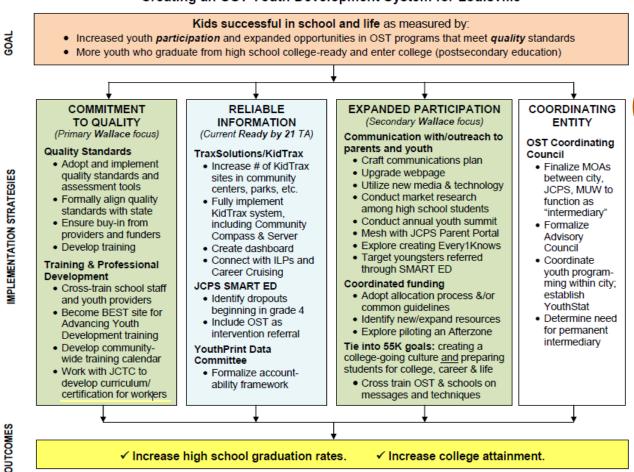
Wallace Foundation to build an ....

# Out-of-School Time System for Youth Development

... to increase educational attainment for Louisville

# Wallace OST-System Building proposal ...

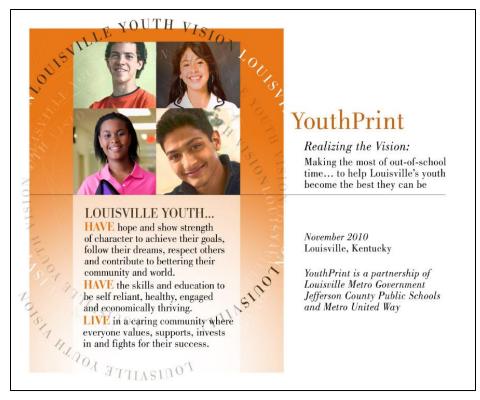
#### Creating an OST Youth Development System for Louisville



Look familiar?

#### Lessons learned:

- Create a plan
- Continually flesh out and refresh your plan
- Build on your successes



## YouthPrint

www.louisvilleky.gov

Key word: YouthPrint



Louisville's bold goal for the next decade: An education transformation



BY 2020 WE WILL ADD

It's a new vision for our community shaped by a ground-breaking collaboration among top education, business and civic leaders 40,000

bachelor's degrees

15,000

associate's degrees



55,000 www.55000degrees.org